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Sample Letter

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Dear Proposition 63 partner:

On June 2, 2005, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and the California Department of Mental Health (DMH) held a meeting to discuss forming a collaborative partnership with the purpose of helping implement Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act. The meeting centered on the vital role courts should play as collaborators in developing a statewide integrated mental health system of care, given the incidence of mental illness among offenders. (For example, serious mental illness among juvenile offenders alone is conservatively estimated to be 15 to 20 percent.) We are requesting your support and cooperation in the planning process to implement Proposition 63 using local partnerships that are responsive to the needs of mental health system clients who use the courts.

DMH and the AOC are taking steps to ensure involvement by the judicial branch in the implementation of Proposition 63 at the state level. We encourage counties and courts statewide to develop collaborative relationships that embody the spirit of Proposition 63 and go beyond conducting "business as usual." Counties, including Santa Clara, Orange, and Fresno, already have initiated partnerships to include innovative programs such as mental health courts in local Proposition 63 plans, and the AOC is working with DMH to develop guidelines that permit the use of court-related activities that enhance or expand services to mentally ill offenders.

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For more information about this effort, please contact Dianne Bolotte of the AOC at 415-865-7633 or by e-mail at [dianne.bolotte@jud.ca.gov](mailto:dianne.bolotte@jud.ca.gov), or Carol Hood of DMH at 916-654-2309 or by e-mail at [Carol.Hood@dmh.ca.gov](mailto:Carol.Hood@dmh.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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Ms. Diane Nunn, Director, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts  
Ms. Pat Sweeten, Director, AOC Executive Office Program

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